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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Peter Lombardi, Town Administrator
RE: Town Administrator's Report
DATE: November 27, 2018

Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Town was notified last week that our new Open Space and Recreation Plan (FYs19-25) has been conditionally approved by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. While we have several comments to follow up on with the state, we are now eligible for a number of state grant programs. The Open Space and Recreation Committee has also begun work on the Year 1 priority goals outlined in the Plan, including implementation of the parcel ranking matrix, development of a Right of First Refusal policy for Chapter 61 properties, review of various funding opportunities and mechanisms, and several other key action items. A reminder that there are currently 3 vacancies on this 7 member committee.

Habitat for Humanity Project – 40 Hull St

On November 16, the Department of Housing and Community Development issued a letter of eligibility to Habitat for Humanity North Shore for their proposed 2-unit project at 40 Hull Street. Earlier this summer, the Board approved the use of \$230,000 in funds from the Affordable Housing Trust to be used for the acquisition of this property for this purpose. Habitat will now submit an application for a comprehensive permit with the Zoning Board of Appeals and hopes to break ground next construction season.